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PALESTINE REFUGEE PROBLEM:

Huts and Houses in the Tropics

This paper was prepared in the Office of the Administrator, Housing and Home Finance Agency of the United States Government. After analyzing the obstacles to improved housing for some 200,000,000 families living in tropical and semi-tropical areas of the world, the paper emphasizes the abundant resources which exist in manpower and local building materials, and proposes the "aided self-help formula" which calls for governmental assistance within the limits of the available resources. Its elements consist of provision by the government of land, utilities, and community services; governmental study of materials, and their development; provision of labor by the beneficiaries of the program, and provision of simple plans, technical assistance, and training programs by the government.

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